community, and they must consider themselves lucky in having got into public service, both of them, while the complaint of the members of other communities is that they have a large number of graduates walking about without employment. I may assure you that your community, along with other communities—backward communities— will have the special sympathy and consideration of Government.

170. Removal of inequalities in public service so far as Catholic Christians are concerned.

Mr. ULAHANNAN ULAHANNAN (*Minachil taluk, Group I*) said that Catholic Christians contributed largely to the material prosperity of the country. Due to their commercial and industrial activities, the country gained an unmeasured accession of strength and splendour. There were innumerable educational institutions which were established and maintained by the community. But in the distribution of appointments, its claims were generally overlooked. The predominance of other communities in public service must be shared at least equally with the Catholic Christians.

The Revenue Department was thrown open to all communities some years ago, but the Catholic community was not benefited by the change. Catholics should be appointed as Proverthicars, Tahsildars and Division Assistants without further delay.

The representation of Catholics in the Judicial, Police, Excise, Education and Public Works Departments and in the Huzur Office was not much better. Stringent circular orders should be issued to the heads of departments for Catholics being liberally entertained in service.

In conclusion, the member said that the Catholic Christians claimed only parity with other communities in the matter of appointments.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Ulahannan, ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ നയം ഇന്നതാണെന്ന മുമ്പെതന്നെ പറഞ്ഞുകഴിഞ്ഞു. അതനുസരിച്ചു എല്ലാഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലും എല്ലാസമുദായക്കാക്കും ഉദ്യോഗം കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്ന സക്കുലർ ഉത്തരവുകൾ അയക്കണമെന്നുപറഞ്ഞു. അതുപോലെ ഗവണ്മെൻറ് ഇപ്പോൾതന്നെ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MEMBER : സക്കുലർ അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിലും അനുഭവത്തിൽവന്നിട്ടില്ല. ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ ആ സ്ഥാനത്തുവരുമ്പോൾ അവരുടെ ജാതിയിൽപെട്ടവർക്കല്ലാതെ മറ്റു ജാതിക്കാക്ക് ഉദ്യോഗം കൊടുക്കയില്ല.

DEWAN : സക്കുലർ അനുസരിച്ചു നടപടികൾ ശരിയായി നടത്തുന്നില്ലെന്ന നിങ്ങൾ പറയുന്നതിനെ ഗവണ്മെൻറ് നോട്ടുചെയ്തു ആലോചിക്കാം.

[The policy of the Government in regard to the entertainment of persons in public service has already been explained. In accordance with that policy, circulars have been issued to heads of departments to

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consider the claims of all communities in making appointments. But as you allege that the circulars are not being carried into effect, the matter will be noted for consideration and enquiry.]

171. Entertainment of Catholic Christians of South Travancore in public service.

MR. F. DAVY (*Nominated*) said that the Latin Christians could not stand comparison with the other communities in the matter of education and material well-being. Some educated men of the community went to foreign countries, *e. g.*, Burma and Ceylon, for employment, as they could not obtain appointments in the State.

The Latin Christians formed one-twelfth of the total population and one-third of the aggregate Christian population. of the State. But their representation in public service was practically *nil*. It should be the policy of Government and the heads of departments to appoint a large number of qualified Latin Catholics in service.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Davy, I may tell you that the Latin Christians will have equal opportunities with every other community in the matter of entry into public service; and they will never have differential treatment meted out to them. You may rest assured that equal opportunities will never be denied to the Latin Christians.

172. Grant of preference to the members of the Visvakarma community in the matter of recruitment to Government service and special concessions to those already in service.

MR. JOSIER M. ARUMUKHAM ASARI (*Nominated*) said that the Visvakarma community, to which he belonged, was very backward in education and that therefore the Government should take steps to help its progress. Members of the community should also be adequately represented in public service.

The member referred to the fact that they were qualified to check Tiruvabharanams in the Devaswom Department. Yet no member of that community had been appointed to do that work. Their claims to such posts should be considered early.

The Superintendent of the School of Arts should also be selected from that community. If fully qualified men were not available, members of that community should be selected to undergo training in similar institutions in Bombay, Calcutta and other places and, after training, appointed in the School of Arts, Trivandrum.

A separate officer should be appointed to control the checking and stamping of weights and measures in the State and the appointment should be set apart for members of the Visvakarma community.

Members of the community should also be entertained as Inspectors in the Excise, Police, and Co-operative Departments and also as clerks in the office of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies. Applications had been made in vain by members of the community to the heads of those departments. A circular should be issued to them to give preferential treatment to such applicants.